

RESOLUTION NO. 20160303-021

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council desires the Austin Energy rate case to allow for full and fair participation by all parties, including the Independent Consumer Advocate; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Consumer Advocate was approved by the City Council on February 25, weeks after the rate case commenced; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Rate Case Impartial Hearing Examiner indicated that he adopted the current procedural schedule with “great reluctance”; and

WHEREAS, the schedule for rate cases before the Public Utility Commission of Texas allows 185 days for the process, and the Austin Energy rate case schedule is currently shorter; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to raise issues to be deliberated in the Austin Energy rate case had passed by the time the Independent Consumer Advocate was hired, as has the deadline to respond to questions regarding the inclusion of certain issues; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council will only meet once in July and will be focused on the FY 2017 Budget in August; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

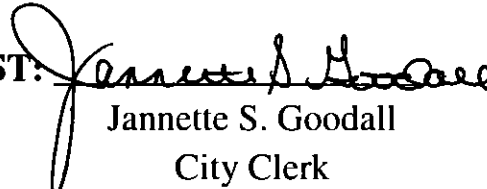
The City Manager is directed to amend the schedule for the Austin Energy rate case to incorporate the following:

1. Give the Independent Consumer Advocate at least two weeks from March 3, 2016 to review all filings, submit a list of issues that should be considered in the rate case, and respond to the Impartial Hearing Examiner’s questions regarding the inclusion of certain issues; and

2. Establish a deadline to file Party Presentations that is no earlier than two months from March 3, 2016, and adjust all other rate case deadlines accordingly; and
3. Establish a timeline in which new electric rates will be set for City Council action no earlier than August 29, 2016.
4. Adopt the schedule labeled AE Option 4, attached.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2016

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

2016 AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND AUSTIN ENERGY RATE SCHEDULE OPTIONS

Council Work Session	Budget Work Session	Council Meetings	AE Option 1	AE Option 2	AE Option 3	AE Option 4	Cancelled Dates
	June 1, 2016 (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM)						June 2, 2016
June 7, 2016		June 9, 2016					
June 14, 2016		June 16, 2016 (Zoning)					
June 21, 2016		June 23, 2016					
			June 27-30 (AE work sessions and public hearings) Friday, July 1 (Adopt rate ordinance)				June 30, 2016
							July 7, 2016
							July 14, 2016
							July 21, 2016
	July 27, 2016 (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)			July 25-28 (AE work sessions and public hearings) Friday, July 29 (Adopt rate ordinance)			July 28, 2016
August 2, 2016	August 3, 2016 (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Includes Setting the Proposed Maximum	August 4, 2016					
August 9, 2016	August 10, 2016 (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM)	August 11, 2016 (Zoning)			Monday, August 8 (AE Committee)	Monday, August 8 (AE Committee)	
August 16, 2016	August 17, 2016 (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM)	August 18, 2016 (Includes Budget/Tax Rate Hearing)			Monday, August 15 (AE Committee) Thursday, August 18 (AE Rate Public Hearing)	Monday, August 15 (AE Committee)	
	August 24, 2016 (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM)				Thursday, August 25 (AE Committee)	Monday, August 22 (AE Rate Public Hearing) Thursday, August 25 (AE Rate Public Hearing)	August 25, 2016
August 30, 2016	August 31, 2016 (9:00 AM- 4:30 PM)	September 1, 2016 (Includes Budget/Tax Rate Hearing)			Thursday, September 1 (AE Public Hearing/Council decision on rate proposal)	Monday, August 29 (Council decision on rate proposal)	
							September 8, 2016
		September 12,13, & 14 (Budget Readings and Tax Rate Adoption – 9:30 AM)			Wednesday, September 14 (Adopt rate ordinance for September 1 decisions)	Wednesday, September 14 (Adopt rate ordinance for August 29 decisions)	September 15, 2016
September 20, 2016		September 22, 2016 (Zoning)			Thursday, September 22 (Adopt amendment to City budget for new rates)		
						Wednesday, September 29 (Adopt amendment to City budget for new rates)	September 29, 2016

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